

A regular meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, August 13, 2012. Mayor Frank North presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer were observed. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Present: Fields, Grasso, Brennan and Madden, Clerk Brouse, Attorney Higgins and CFO Moules were present.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tom Evaul, 125 St. James** -Ted made a motion, please explain what was discussed at caucus meeting. Ted replied Citadell Wellwood applied for a long term tax abatement and after the ordinance was introduced the paperwork was reviewed by the attorney, CFO and engineer, it was determined that the application was not complete and council will recommend to disapprove the application at this time. The Ordinance has been removed and the process will begin again if the items are addressed. The language has not been approved and seven items need to be included.

**John Borhomb, 41 W. Walnut**.-If council goes forward with the request, the process should start from the beginning or cure deficiencies and be available to view. Can the meeting information be found on the website or at the office? Items need to be tweaked, low-moderate income is an example of an item that needs to be amended.

**Ed Fahrenholz, 108 Woodbine**-received letter from Marvin Gaskill.

**Gary Meyers, 204 Browning** -appreciate all that you do. 606 Application on face value is outrageous and council should not even consider or entertain it. 30 years will be well over a million dollars. Have problems with residents from that area. Worried that it is going to be another subsidized unit. Urge Council to vote down any proposal for tax abatement.

**Katherine Swan, 21 Clifton** -does the Borough have a current standard, has this happened before in Town? Mayor responded it is on a case by case situation based on value and what it will cost to rehab, it may take 3 million dollars to rehab the building. What impact would it have on property exemption? Improvement only, it would be in negotiations with school and a percent goes to County.

**Jeanne Collins, 116 Poplar**-When will the parking spots be completed on Poplar and Maple Avenues that were approved by the recent ordinance?

**Frank Tarantini, 124 N. Centre**-invest a lot of money on my property and the burden is on me, I would like a tax break to fix up my building.

**Vanessa Stevenson, 304 Volan**-Request a full assessment of what he is paying and what the Borough is paying. What does this abatement mean to me? Does it have an affect on school, taxes and we don't really know the bottom line. Can we get a true financial assessment? When?

**Joe Clark, 10 Poplar** -Were RFP's or RFA's done? Were there minimum requirements? What if he doesn't do them? Merchantville does not own the building, everything done up to the point is on Mr. DePetro. What is happening with the building across the street?

**Steve Rogers, 12 Lexington**-Payment in Lieu of Taxes? My concern is that police calls are down because people stopped calling, not because it is better. Under what condition is it good for us to help? What if the building gets better/worse? Will we be stuck? We have the ability to make Merchantville what it can be.

Why do we have to carry the burden? No developer will come in without making some profit. Need to draw a line somewhere. Mayor discussed

**Jane Howell, 121 Leslie**-would it be so bad if it was torn down? Schools would not get any taxes.

**John Paul Beauchamp, 41 W. Walnut**-Be open with the public. If time was taken the ordinance would have been received better.

**Tom Evaul, 125 St. James**-have a sense of the people in town, started the Observer to keep people informed. No opinions, only facts. Public forum. Spent an hour giving facts. Write into document what school will pay. Why can't you be more open with the public and try to get news out? Mayor responded-misinformation is put out there.

**Terry Redman-Leslie Ave**-holes in the street on Leslie need to be addressed.

**Nick DiMatteo, 9 Alexander**.-No teeth to enforce, it needs to be changed now! Putting money in now, has to be done to bring it up to code.

Council has been working on an apartment rental Ordinance to require them to register.

**Alex Woschenko, 8 Morris**-3 million to rehab? What kind of rent will he need to charge?

**Monica Malone, 45 W. Chestnut**-perplexed, giving a bonus for a developer? Should remain objective and not take our risk.

**Katherine Swan, 21 Clifton**-it would be unfair if the developer based his purchase on this abatement request.

**Marvin Gaskill, 102 E Chestnut**-March 2011 Mayor letter was read

Letter sent from Mr. DePetro today-one paragraph

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**-provided a written report

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- On a motion of Mr. Brennan and second of Mr. Grasso, Council approved the caucus meeting minutes for 7-9-12 and the regular meeting minutes for 7-9-12 .

## **CORRESPONDENCE COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mrs. Fields**-Exit conference, no findings at all. National Night out went well with about 200 people attending.

**Clerk's Report**-

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **PROCLAMATION-DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER**

Resolutions to be read by consent agenda: On a motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolutions by consent agenda:

**R12-92**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING**  
**USE OF POLICE REPORTS.COM COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville is desirous of having online police accident reports available to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Reports.com, 219 Williamson Road, Mooresville, North Carolina, 28117 will provide an online report distribution system to the Borough of Merchantville; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough agrees to work with the Police Reports.com Company at not cost to the Borough.

**R12-93**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**APPROVING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND THE CLERK**  
**TO ATTEST THE XTEL COMMUNICATION AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville, and Xtel Communication, 401 Route 73 North, Building 10, Suite 106, Marlton, NJ 08053 wish to enter into an agreement for voice communication for the Borough of Merchantville; and

**WHEREAS**, the solicitor has reviewed the agreement and Council has approved the Mayor to sign and the Borough Clerk to attest the agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor shall sign and the Clerk attest to the Xtel Communication Inc., Services agreement for a period of three years .

**R12-94**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Merchantville, in the county of Camden, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 in the sum of \$ 4,400.00, which is now available as a revenue from the State Pursuant to the provision of the statute, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of \$ 4,400.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Special items of General Revenue; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is a result of a State grants of \$ 4,400.00 from:

2012 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over (8-17-12 to 9-3-12)	4,400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>

**R12-95**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY**  
**OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE**  
**AND INSTALLATION OF A BUS SHELTER**

**WHEREAS**, the bus shelter located at Maple Avenue and Centre Street was hit by a vehicle and destroyed beyond repair; and

**WHEREAS**, the insurance company has reimbursed the Borough the cost to replace the bus shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, the approved propitiatory company that NJ Transit receives the bus shelters from for the State of New Jersey is, Handi Hut, 3 Grunwald Street, Clifton NJ 07013;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that approval has been granted for the purchase of, one bus shelter at a cost of \$4,045.00 for the shelter and \$1,500.00 for delivery and installation.

#### **R12-96**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

**WHEREAS**, there exists outstanding checks for a court summons which has been outstanding for over six months; and

**WHEREAS**, the checks have been investigated and have been determined to have been lost or otherwise destroyed;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following checks be cancelled and the expenditure be deposited into the proper fund:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>CHECK DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Sherrie D. Higgs, H78030	2178	4/5/2011	1.00
Janet Marcial, H773378	2224	9/9/2011	1.00
Ivonne Zepeda, H81595	2244	11/8/2011	1.00
Tracy Davis-Peoples, H82270	2250	12/9/2011	1.00
		TOTAL	4.00

#### **R12-97**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE REFUND OF TAX INVESTIGATION FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Merchantville Tax Collector has called to Mayor and Council's attention a request to refund Investigation funds to Megan Hartling due to the property being sold:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville that the following refund be approved on this account in the amount of \$337.98 and be forwarded to Megan Hartling, 2120 Lexington Ave, Apt 2, Pennsauken, NJ 08110:

BL.	LOT	NAME & ADDRESS	AMOUNT
2	2	Megan Hartling 3 Poplar Ave	\$337.98

#### **R12-98**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Merchantville Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2013 in the amount of \$8,713.00.

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

**R12-99**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**REQUESTING THAT THE BOROUGH PARTICIPATE IN**  
**SOUTH JERSEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville was approached by the South Jersey Federal Credit Union to allow Borough employees the benefits that they offer at no cost to the Borough; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville is requesting membership in South Jersey Federal Credit Union, 1615 Hurffville Road, PO Box 5530, Deptford NJ 08096; and  
**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Borough Clerk will submit the required correspondence required to participate in this program.

**R12-100**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**MAINTENANCE COMMITMENT IN THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**  
**(NJDOT) APPLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville and Township of Pennsauken are preparing a grant application to the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Enhancement Program for improvements to the West Maple Neighborhood;

**WHEREAS**, the West Maple Neighborhood is located between Route 130 and the Federal Street/Route 130 Overpass;

**WHEREAS**, Route 130 and the Federal Street/Route 130 Overpass significantly impact the vitality of the West Maple Neighborhood,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed activities will aesthetically improve West Maple Avenue, the primary thoroughfare into the West Maple Neighborhood from Route 130, by installing street trees, landscaping, and street furniture along the corridor.

**WHEREAS**, the TE Program will enhance the transportation experience for residents and visitors to the neighborhood, bolster the local economy, and improve the overall quality of life for the residents who live in the West Maple Neighborhood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville is committed to maintaining the street trees, landscaping, and street furniture that will be installed in the Borough of Merchantville pursuant to the Transportation Enhancement throughout their useful life.

**R12-102**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,**  
**COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING**  
**THE PURCHASE OF RADAR UNITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville desire to purchase a Radar unit with two antennas for the Borough of Merchantville; and

**WHEREAS**, R&R Radar Inc. has quoted the price of \$9,960.00 for MPH Bee III KA-Band Directional Radar with two Antennas and \$1,125.00 MPH Universal VSS Speedometer wiring, cable kit with installation of Radar and is part of MPH NJ STATE Contract A82101; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount allowable will not exceed \$12,000.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that R&R Radar, 762 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ 08004 is the approved vendor.

#### **R12-103**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS AND THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS FOR THE VICTORIA STREET AND LESLIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation has allotted \$190,000.00 of FY2012 Municipal Aid funds for the Victoria Street and Leslie Avenue improvement project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to have the street improvements, for the approximate cost of the New Jersey Department of Transportation funds, to be performed by a contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Borough Engineer to perform the necessary professional services to prepare the bid documents for the improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, once the bid documents have been prepared by the Engineer and accepted by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the Borough Clerk must be authorized to advertise for and open bids for the project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the bid documents and the Clerk to advertise and receive bids for this project.

**APPROVAL**-Banners in business district for Pediatric Cancer Awareness

**APPROVAL**-Bench and memorial plaque for Community Center

**APPROVAL**-Use of facility for birthday party

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**: On the motion of Mrs. Fields and second of Mr. Brennan, Council approved the following resolution:

#### **R12-104**

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED** that the Report of the Department of Accounts and Auditing be accepted and spread upon the minutes and the Treasurer be is hereby authorized to pay bill approved therein.

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>		<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
CHECKS CURRENT FUND			
	2012 BUDGET	26,464.49	173,238.77
	GRANTS		69,904.06
	PFRS		
	PERS		
	DEBT SERVICE		
	BOARD OF EDUCATION*		1,040,258.50
	CAMDEN COUNTY		512,180.57
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	7/12/12-8/10/12		168,502.47
WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS			285,312.79
<b>TOTAL CURRENT</b>		<b>26,464.49</b>	<b>2,249,397.16</b>

#### **SEWER UTILITY**

##### **CHECKS SEWER FUND**

2012 BUDGET	2,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	

WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	7/12/12-8/10/12		6,509.34
WIRE NJEIT LOAN			0.00
WIRES /MANUAL CHECKS			
TOTAL SEWER		0.00	8,509.34
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>			
CHECK CAPITAL FUND			61,559.77
MANUAL CHECK			
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL			0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL		0.00	61,559.77
<b>TRUST FUND</b>			
CHECK TRUST OTHER FUND			1,858.56
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	7/12/12-8/10/12		6,194.76
WIRES / MANUAL CHECKS			8,297.35
TOTAL TRUST		0.00	16,350.67
<b>SEWER CAPITAL FUND</b>			
CHECK SEWER CAPITAL			
MANUAL CHECKS			
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL			0.00
TOTAL SEWER CAPITAL		0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION TRUST</b>			
CHECK RECREATION TRUST	2012 BUDGET	600.00	2,236.88
MANUAL CHECKS			
WIRE TRANSFERS PAYROLL	7/12/12-8/10/12		9,055.43
TOTAL RECREATION		600.00	11,292.31
<b>ANIMAL TRUST FUND</b>			
ANIMAL TRUST CHECK			
TOTAL ANIMAL TRUST		0.00	0.00
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>			
UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK			
TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT		0.00	0.00
TOTAL BILL LIST & MANUAL CHECKS/WIRE		27,064.49	2,347,109.25
GRAND TOTAL			<b>2,374,173.74</b>
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS & AUDITING			
PATRICIA FIELDS			

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRIVATE SESSION

**ADJOURNMENT:** On the motion of Mrs. Madden and second of Mr. Brennan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58P.M.

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DENISE BROUSE  
BOROUGH CLERK